



**Kenosha/Racine
Counties
Reduce/Reuse
Recycling Guide
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The proper disposal of household hazardous waste is extremely important in order to prevent contamination of our waterways, soils and the environment in general. This guide is an attempt to give the residents of Kenosha and Racine Counties information about the proper disposal of a variety of household items.



Note: This publication is intended to supply general information to the residents of Kenosha and Racine counties. It is the intention of UW Cooperative Extension to provide updated and accurate information; however, we cannot guarantee that the information in this publication is 100% accurate. Please call the listed businesses or municipalities to verify that the information listed is still correct. UW Cooperative Extension does not endorse any of the businesses listed in this document.

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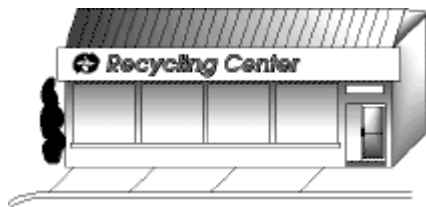
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HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE PROGRAMS

Kenosha County:

Pheasant Run/Waste Management Landfill sponsors two Household Hazardous Waste Collections every year. They are generally held on the first Saturday in May and the third Saturday in September. This collection is open to any Kenosha County resident. Call Pheasant Run at 262-857-7956 for additional information or to request a brochure.

City of Kenosha:

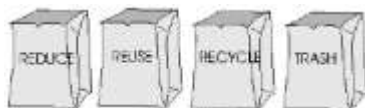
Kenosha Water Utility offers monthly Household Hazardous Waste collections to city residents. Collections are held the first Saturday of the month from 8 am – 11 am at 4401 Green Bay Road, Kenosha. For more information, contact the Kenosha Water Utility at 653-4300 or visit their website:
<http://www.kenosha.org/departments/water>

Racine County:

Household hazardous waste collections are managed by the individual municipality. Contact the community in which you live to see if a collection is offered and for more information.

City of Racine:

The City of Racine offers household hazardous waste collections to city residents. Residents should contact Racine Wastewater Utilities at 262-636-9181 for more information or check out their website:
<http://www.cityofracine.org/depts/wastewater/>



COMMON HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS THAT MUST BE RECYCLED

State Recycling Laws require that residents and businesses recycle the following items:

- Lead acid batteries*
- Major appliances (includes air conditioners, clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, dehumidifiers, furnaces, boilers, water heaters and microwaves)*
- Used motor oil*
- Yard waste*
- Tires*
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Corrugated cardboard
- Office paper
- Glass bottles and jars**
- Aluminum cans**
- Steel cans**
- Bi-metal steel/aluminum cans**
- Plastic containers (Plastics #1 and #2 must be recycled. Plastics #3 through #7 may not be accepted by your local municipality for recycling. If they do not accept them, residents and businesses are not required to recycle those plastics)**

*Options for recycling these items are outlined in more detail in this publication.

** All of these recyclables should be cleaned before including them with the recycling, as oil or food residue may render them unsuitable for the recycling process. Check with your local municipality for specific information regarding what items are accepted through their recycling program as well as how to package and clean those items.



HOW TO DEAL WITH COMMON HOUSEHOLD MATERIALS

Disposal through a Hazardous Waste Collection Only:

- Adhesives and glues with solvents
- Antifreeze (can also be recycled)
- Brake fluid (can also be recycled)
- Artistic or hobby paint
- Batteries (can also be recycled)
- Carburetor cleaner
- Concrete cleaner
- Degreasers
- Driveway sealer
- Fertilizer
- Floor/wax stripper
- Fluorescent light bulbs
- Furniture stripper
- Gasoline and other fuels
- Insect spray
- Lead-based paint
- Lighter fluid
- Mercury thermometers
- Metal cleaners
- Mothballs
- Oil-based paint
- Oven cleaners
- Polish and spot removers
- Paint remover
- Paint thinner
- Pool chemicals
- Rat/rodent poison
- Stain, varnish, lacquer
- Transmission fluid
- Turpentine
- Weed killer
- Wood preservatives

The following items can be poured down the drain:

- Disinfectants
- Windshield washer
- Cleaners with ammonia or bleach

The following items can be placed in the trash:

- Alkaline batteries (AAA–D)
- Medications*
- Putty, grout and caulk
- Water-based blue
- Empty containers **
- Driveway sealer
- Glazes, spackle
- Latex paint***
- Drain, oven & toilet cleaners



* **Medications:** While it is acceptable to place some medications in the trash, disposal through a pharmaceutical collection would be a better option, if possible (see *Where to Recycle...Medical* for additional information).

** Empty containers can also be disposed of through recycling, unless the container has other disposal recommendations.

*** **Latex paint:** Latex paint is not considered a hazardous material and will not be accepted at household hazardous waste collections. The best option is to use up the paint you have. It could also be donated to a local charity, school, church or other institution.

Latex paint can be disposed of in the garbage if it has been dried. Options for drying include putting kitty litter or sand in a box and pouring the paint over the top. A waste paint hardener could be purchased as well. It costs around \$2.00 and should be available at area hardware stores. Finally, if there is less than ¼ of the paint in the can; leave the lid open for a few days and allow it to dry. The container may then be placed with your regular garbage.

WHERE TO RECYCLE... AUTOMOTIVE ITEMS

Antifreeze:

The following businesses will accept used antifreeze:

- ▶ **Tires Plus Tire Store**, 7424 74th Place, Kenosha, 262-942-1118
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 3015 – 52nd Street, Kenosha, 262-654-2226
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 3101 Rapids Drive, Racine, 262-637-8930
- ▶ **Waste Management/Pheasant Run** in Bristol, 262-857-7956.
Disposal fee of \$1.00 per gallon.



Car/Truck Batteries:

The following businesses will accept car/truck batteries:



- ▶ **AutoZone**, 4631 75th Street, Kenosha, 262-942-1710
- ▶ **AutoZone**, 2055 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-551-8429
- ▶ **NAPA Auto Parts**, 5308 – 30th Avenue, Kenosha, 262-658-4971
- ▶ **Tires Plus Tire Store**, 7424 74th Place, Kenosha, 262-942-1118
- ▶ **Sears**, 7630 Pershing Boulevard, Kenosha, 262-697-3328
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 3015 – 52nd ST, Kenosha, 262-654-2226
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 3101 Rapids Drive, Racine, 262-637-8930
- ▶ **Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express Center**, 3049 South Oaks Road, Sturtevant, 262-598-8482
- ▶ **Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express Center**, 1901 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, 262-767-1886
- ▶ **Waste Management/Pheasant Run** in Bristol, 262-857-7956.
Disposal fee of \$1.00 each.

Oil:

Waste oil is banned from disposal in landfills in Wisconsin. *State law requires businesses who sell automotive engine oil to consumers to either provide a used oil collection center or post information informing customers of local oil collection centers.*



The following business will accept waste oil:

- ▶ **AutoZone**, 4631 75th Street, Kenosha, 262-942-1710
- ▶ **AutoZone**, 2055 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-551-8429
- ▶ **Goodyear Auto Service Center**, 5912 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, 262-654-8667 (Charge a disposal fee.)
- ▶ **Jiffy Lube**, 5428 Washington Avenue, Racine, 262-634-1101
- ▶ **Tires Plus Tire Store**, 7424 74th Place, Kenosha, 262-942-1118
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**: 3015 – 52nd Street, Kenosha, 262-654-2226
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Oil Filters:

Oil filters should be recycled. Filters should be drained of as much oil as possible. This can be accomplished by putting a hole in the top of the filter and tipping it over a drain pan. Another option is to tip the filter at an angle over a drain pan and allow it to drain for at least 12 hours.

The following business will accept oil filters:

- ▶ **Jiffy Lube**, 5428 Washington Avenue, Racine, 262-634-1101
- ▶ **Valvoline Instant Oil Change**, 3101 Rapids Drive, Racine, 262-637-8930



Tires:

The following businesses accept tires at a nominal fee:

- ▶ **Firestone**, 1122 North Main Street, Racine, 262-637-8473
- ▶ **Goodyear Auto Service Center**, 5912 Sheridan Road, Kenosha, 262-654-8667
- ▶ **Kenosha Tire**, 6005 -75th Street, Kenosha, 262-694-9000
- ▶ **Tires Plus Tire Store**, 7424 74th Place, Kenosha, 262-942-1118
- ▶ **Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express Center**, 3049 South Oaks Road, Sturtevant, 262-598-8482
- ▶ **Wal-Mart Tire and Lube Express Center**, 1901 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington, 262-767-1886

Tire Tidbits:

- When a tire is recycled, over 90% of the material is reused.
- 300 million tires are disposed of every year in the U.S.

WHERE TO RECYCLE... BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS

Building and Construction Materials:

Construction lumber and materials may be recycled.



- ▶ **Azarian Wrecking**, 9631 Charles Street, Sturtevant, 262-637-4153. Accepts clean brick and concrete. There is a fee depending upon the size of load.

Habitat for Humanity ReStores. This store accepts a variety of building and remodeling materials, as well as appliances, which should be in working order when they are donated. When you have good, reusable or new items or materials, please call them to see if your donation will be accepted and, if so, to make arrangements for delivery or pickup.

- ▶ **Milwaukee**, 801 South 60th Street, 414-257-9078
- ▶ **Racine**, 2302 DeKoven Ave, Racine, 262-889-2929, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, 10 am – 4pm. www.racinehabitat.org.

Examples of Habitat for Humanity ReStores preferred donations:

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| • Appliances (less than 5 years old, working order) | • Plumbing |
| • Building supplies | • Roofing |
| • Cabinets (no countertops) | • New sinks |
| • New carpeting | • Ceramic tile |
| • Doors and windows | • Toilets (in working order) |
| • Electrical | • Tools |
| • Flooring | • Vanities |
| • Hardware | • Hot water heaters (less than 5 years old) |
| • Lighting (working order) | • Windows |
| • Lumber (at least 6' long) | |
| • Unopened paint | |

WHERE TO RECYCLE... ELECTRONICS

Cell phones:



All cell phones and their batteries should be recycled. Many Goodwill, Salvation Army and other thrift stores will accept cell phones. Other places to recycle cell phones and batteries include:

- ▶ **Chase Bank**, 7510 197th Avenue, Bristol, 262-857-3828
- ▶ **Parcel and Business Solutions**, 8032 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-654-8000
- ▶ **R/C Electronics**, 8322 Antioch Road, Salem, 262-843-4262
- ▶ **Salem Community Library**, 24615 89th Street, Salem
- ▶ **Sony Outlet**, 11601 – 108th Street, Suite 575, Pleasant Prairie, Kenosha, 262-857-9613
- ▶ **First Alliance Sprint/Nextel Store**, 517 North Lake Avenue, Twin Lakes, 262-877-8411
- ▶ **US Cellular**, 5836 75th Street, Kenosha, 262-697-7480
- ▶ **US Cellular**, 400 North Pine Street, Burlington, 262-763-3333
- ▶ **US Cellular**, 6100 Washington Avenue, Racine, 262-884-7000
- ▶ **Verizon Wireless**, 6035 Durand Avenue, Racine, 262-598-0585

Why Recycle Electronics:

- Electronics account for 1-4% of municipal waste, but are responsible for approximately 70% of heavy metals in landfills.

Computers:



► Wisconsin Department of Corrections Computer Recycling Program

Inmates in the program salvage, repair, and upgrade computers for donation or sale at a nominal cost to preschools, daycares, W2 training programs, and the elderly, disabled or underprivileged. They clean, reformat, and match components for recycling and remanufacturing. Inmates also test electronic equipment for operating condition and demanufacture any unsalvageable equipment for parts recycling or proper disposal.

The Department of Corrections has drop-off sites throughout the state for computer donations. Computer recycling collection containers are available at the following location in Racine County for donations of 5 items or less. To donate more than 5 items, it is requested that you fill out the online pick-up questionnaire at <http://www.buybsi.com/computer.html>.

Note: There is a \$10 fee for each donated monitor.

You may drop off computers at:

- **Racine Correctional Institution**, 2019 Wisconsin Street,
Sturtevant, 262-886-3214, Monday – Friday, 8 am to 4 pm.

The following items are accepted as a part of this program:

- All cords
- CPU's
- External hard, CD or DVD drives
- Keyboards and mice
- Mainframes
- Monitors
- Servers
- Printers
- Routers
- Scanners
- Other peripherals

Goodwill Store & Donation Centers Are ‘Going Green’ With Computers

Goodwill Store & Donation Centers accept computer and computer-related accessories such as: hard drive/tower, monitor, mouse, keyboard and printer. Donors are responsible for removing all data before donating their computers. Some stores will sell the computer accessories. The computer CPU/hard drives themselves will not be sold, but will be salvaged, which will greatly reduce what goes into landfills. They may be dropped off at Kenosha Goodwill Store, 6100 75th Street, Kenosha, WI 53142, 948-8070, Monday thru Friday 9 am to 9 pm, Saturday 9 am to 8 pm, Sunday 10 am to 7 pm.

Other Options for Computer Recycling

- ▶ **Parcel & Business Solutions, Inc.**
8032 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-654-8000, Monday – Friday 9 am to 6 pm and Saturday 10 am to 2 pm. Recycling fees are: Monitors \$20; CPU \$15; modems, cables, etc, free.
- ▶ **Tech Corps** (<http://www.tcw.org/>)
1220 Mound Avenue, Suite 205, Racine, 262-619-0931, Tuesday – Saturday, 8am – 5pm. Computer systems (1 monitor, 1 CPU, 1 printer, 1 keyboard and 1 mouse): \$20; Laptops: \$10; Scanners, modems, cables, etc.: free
- ▶ **Computer Services**, Phone 262-245-0871, tlccomp@gmail.com
Will pick up old computer(s), desktops, servers, notebooks, terminals, computer parts and computer related items, machine controls, machine controls, medical monitors, satellite "boxes" and broken game consoles. The equipment will be used to rebuild/repair computers and donated to nonprofit organizations. Unusable parts will be recycled. Pick up available in Walworth, Kenosha, Jefferson, Rock and Racine counties.

Ink cartridges:

There are a variety of options for recycling ink cartridges. Many schools and non-profits raise funds



by collecting ink cartridges. There are also self-addressed, postage paid envelopes to send in the used ink cartridges.

The following locations accept ink cartridges for recycling:

- ▶ **FedEx/Kinko's**, 5658 Washington Avenue, Racine, 262-634-8173, accepts inkjet cartridges
- ▶ **Office Max**, 2301 Green Bay Road, Racine, 262-638-5520, inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges, except Epson
- ▶ **Office Max**, 6820 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, 262-942-9530 inkjet cartridges and toner cartridges, except Epson
- ▶ **Parcel and Business Solutions**, 8032 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-654-8000, inkjet and toner cartridges

WHERE TO RECYCLE... MEDICAL

Eyeglasses:



Eyeglasses can be donated for use either overseas or in the US. Check with your local eye doctor to see if they have a donation box at their office. Other options include:

- ▶ **Lions Club International** Send to Wisconsin Lions Foundation Eyeglass Recycling Center, 3834 County Road A, Rosholt, WI 54473, Attn: Sharon Cherek, 715-677-4969, 877-463-6953.

Lions Club International accepts plastic and metal frames. For packing, place eyeglasses in a cardboard box and pack with tissue paper, newspaper or Styrofoam. Please do not use shredded packing materials or packing peanuts for packing. Send the glasses as third or fourth class mail and write on the box “no commercial value.”

- ▶ **New Eyes for the Needy**
549 Millburn Avenue, PO Box 332, Short Hills, NJ 07078
973-376-4903

Mail eyeglasses in padded envelopes or boxes as third or fourth class mail (cost of shipping is tax-deductible). Please include your contact information, including a mailing address inside the package so that an acknowledgement can be sent.

Wheelchairs:

The Wheelchair Recycling Program (WRP) offers low cost, refurbished mobility and medical equipment to those who lack the resources to acquire new equipment.

- ▶ Wheelchair Recycling Program
4521 Helgesen Road, Madison, WI 53718
608-243-1785, www.wrp.org

Medical/Veterinary Waste:

“Sharps” (needles, syringes and lancets) are considered infectious waste and need to be disposed of properly. Your doctor, veterinarian or health department may be able to provide you with a *sharps container*. These containers can also be purchased at local pharmacies.



Filled sharps containers must be disposed of through a registered sharps collection facility. The following phone numbers will help you locate a registered sharps collection facility:

- ▶ **American Diabetes Association:** 888-342-2383
- ▶ **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources,** 608-266-2111
- ▶ **Wisconsin Veterinary Medical Association:** 608-257-3665

All Aurora Pharmacies will accept sharps and needles. They must be in sharps containers. The pharmacies sell the containers. If you are an Aurora customer, you may turn in your filled container and receive a new one at no charge. Other pharmacies also sell the sharps containers and exchange full ones for empty containers if you purchased the container at their store.

The following facilities are current for the collection of sharps containers in Kenosha/Racine Counties as of May 15, 2009:



Racine County Aurora Pharmacies:

- Burlington, 1120 Milwaukee Avenue, Burlington
- Pine Crest Burlington, 148 Pine Street, Burlington
- Burlington Clinic and Aurora Pharmacy, 250 McHenry Street, Burlington

- Racine, 8348 Washington Avenue, Racine
- Rapids Drive, 2210 Rapids Drive, Racine
- Roeschens Pharmacy, 3433 N. Douglas Avenue, Racine
- Shorecrest Pharmacy/Aurora Healthcare, 3900 Erie Street, Racine

Kenosha County Aurora Pharmacies:

- Aurora Health Center , 7540 22nd Avenue, Kenosha
- Aurora Medical Center Kenosha, 10400 75th Street, Kenosha
- Aurora Pharmacy, 5914 75th Street, Kenosha
- Twin Lakes, 700 North Lake Avenue, Twin Lakes

Other Pharmacies that Accept Sharps Containers:

- Kenosha Community Health Center, 4536 22nd Avenue, Kenosha
- Larsen Mayer Pharmacy, 3618 8th Avenue, Suite 3, Kenosha
- Good Value Pharmacy, 3401 80th Street, Suite 100, Kenosha
- Walgreens, 7537 Green Bay Road, Kenosha

Medications:

The following recommendations regarding the disposal of medications come from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the Office of National Drug Control Policy:



1. Reduce as a first option:

- Use all that is prescribed to you
- If you are receiving a new medicine, ask the doctor to prescribe a limited amount so you can see if it works first
- Buy over-the-counter in quantities that you expect to use before the expiration date

2. Reusing medications

There are few options for reusing or recycling medications. Many pharmacies and doctor offices do not take medications for reuse.

The *Cancer and Chronic Disease Drug Repository* is a program in Wisconsin that recycles cancer and chronic disease drugs that are given to patients who are not insured or have limited insurance. Please call first to find out donation policies before taking

medications to a pharmacy for donation. Locally, these drugs can be donated at the following locations:

- **Larson-Mayer Pharmacy**, 3535 30th Avenue, #10, Kenosha, 262-658-8124
- **All Saints Cancer Center**, 3809 Spring Street, Racine, 262-687-5000

3. Recycling Medications

Pharmaceutical collections are becoming more common as a way to dispose of medications/drugs. If this is not an option, or if you are not comfortable storing medications until a collection is offered locally, the following are disposal recommendations:

4. Placing prescription drugs in the trash

Remove any labels with your personal and prescription information (to prevent another person from refilling the prescription). Place the drugs in a bag or container and fill it with an undesirable substance, i.e., coffee grounds or kitty litter, to reduce the potential for the drugs being taken out of the trash and used.

5. Disposal by flushing drugs down the toilet

Please read the label for disposal recommendations. According to the FDA (Food and Drug Administration), the following drugs should be flushed down the toilet instead of disposed of in the trash:

- ▶ Actiq (fentanyl citrate)
- ▶ Daytrana Transdermal Patch (methylphenidate)
- ▶ OxyContin Tablets (oxycodone)
- ▶ Avinza Capsules (morphine sulfate)
- ▶ Baraclude Tablets (entecavir)
- ▶ Reyataz Capsules (atazanir sulfate)
- ▶ Tequin Tablets (gatifloxacin)
- ▶ Zerit for Oral Solution (stavudine)
- ▶ Meperidine HCl Tablets
- ▶ Percocet (oxycodone and acetaminophen)
- ▶ Xyrem (sodium oxybate)
- ▶ Fentora (fentanyl buccal tablet)

HOW TO RECYCLE... MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

Batteries:

Disposal of batteries varies depending on the type of battery.

- ▶ Alkaline batteries can be disposed of in the trash.
- ▶ Lead batteries must be recycled.
- ▶ Rechargeable batteries are recycled through the support of the RBRC (Rechargeable Battery Recycling Corporation). Rechargeable batteries accepted through this program include:
 - Nickel Cadmium (Ni-Cd)
 - Nickel Metal Hydride (Ni-MH)
 - Lithium Ion (Li-Ion)
 - Small Sealed Lead (Pb) (must weigh less than 2 pounds)



The following retailers will accept rechargeable batteries:

- ▶ **Batteries Plus**, 6143 Regency West Drive, Racine, 262-554-0774, do not accept lithium batteries
- ▶ **Batteries Plus**, 6430 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, 262-912-3135,
- ▶ **Lowe's**, 6500 Green Bay Road, Kenosha, 262-653-8770
- ▶ **Office Depot**, 5201 Washington Avenue, Racine, 262-632-4650
- ▶ **Radio Shack**, 7115 Durand Avenue, Sturtevant, 262-598-0141, do not accept cell phone batteries
- ▶ **Radio Shack**, 4126 52nd Street, Kenosha, 262-652-3900
- ▶ **Radio Shack**, 3711 80th Street, Kenosha, 262-694-1710
- ▶ **Sears Repair Services**, 5509 Durand Avenue, Racine, 262-554-8842
- ▶ **R/C Electronics**, 8322 Antioch Road, Salem, 262-843-4262
- ▶ **Sony Retail Store**, 11211 120th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, 262-857-9613
- ▶ **Parkside True Value Hardware**, 1735 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-551-8866, do not accept cell phone batteries

Lead Acid and Mercuric Oxide Batteries: State law requires that businesses selling lead acid automotive batteries must accept used batteries when new batteries are purchased. The law allows businesses to charge customers a deposit of up to \$5 when a used battery is not turned in upon purchase of a new battery. Businesses may also charge up to \$3 for each used battery they take.

Fluorescent Light Bulbs:

All fluorescent light bulbs should be recycled because they contain a small amount of mercury. Some municipalities offer fluorescent light bulb collections and most household hazardous waste programs will accept them. Additionally, the following company accepts fluorescent light bulbs.



- ▶ **AAA Environmental Industries, Inc.**, 3240 West Elm Road, Franklin, WI, (414) 761-9421. *There is a charge.*

Styrofoam:

Foam packing can be recycled. The closest locations for dropping off solid pieces of Styrofoam are listed below. Please call each business for more information.



- ▶ **ACH Foam Technologies, LLC**, Fond du Lac, 920-923-4146
- ▶ **Allfoam Industries**, Elmhurst, IL, 800-338-8848
- ▶ **Cellox**, Reedsburg, WI, 608-524-2316 (will only accept white and clean styrofoam)
- ▶ **Plymouth Foam, Inc**, Plymouth, WI, 800-669-1176
- ▶ **Pactive Corp**, Lake Forest, IL, 877-692-6163

The Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers will accept clean packing Styrofoam. It can be broken into small pieces to fit into the box. They will not accept foam from meat trays, cups, egg cartons or other disposable foodservice items. Send the box to:

Alliance of Foam Packaging Recyclers, 1298 Cronson
Boulevard, Suite 201, Crofton, MD 21114 , 410-451-8340

Packing Peanuts:

The following locations accept packing peanuts, bubble wrap and “air” pillows:

- ▶ **Parcel and Business Solutions**, 8032 22nd Avenue, Kenosha, 262-654-8000
- ▶ **Mail ‘N’ Ship**, 3900 Erie Street, Suite A, Shorecrest Shopping Center, Racine, 262-681-1448
- ▶ **Postnet**, 253 Center Street, Lake Geneva, 262-249-8920

Plastic Bags:

Most Pick N’ Save grocery stores, Kohl’s department stores, and Wal-Mart stores have recycling bins for plastic bags. Check with individual stores for information.

Large Appliances:

Some municipalities offer disposal for large appliances. Other options include asking the store where you are buying new appliances if they will remove the old one. Finally, some scrap yards will accept appliances.



There may be fees associated with all of these services. Appliances in good working condition may be accepted by resale shops, thrift shops and others.

Pheasant Run Landfill will accept large appliances including microwaves, for a fee. No televisions or computers accepted.

Metal:

Salvage businesses are the best place to dispose of metals. They may also accept old cars. Call the scrap yard to verify they will accept what you have for disposal. Pheasant Run Landfill will also accept scrap steel in their recycling center.



KENOSHA COUNTY MUNICIPALITY CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Kenosha, 625 - 52nd Street, Kenosha, 653-4300

Waste oil, antifreeze, tires (up to 4), batteries, wood (must be free of paint, stain or varnish) can be taken to the Drop-off Site at 1001 50th Street Tuesday through Friday 9:30 am – 5 pm and Saturday 8 am – 3:30 pm. The Street Division Drop-off Site at 6415 35th Avenue, which is open daily 24 hours, accepts oil filters and antifreeze.

Concrete, brick, stone and masonry materials will be accepted at the Street Division Yard Drop-off Site at 6415 35th Avenue, Monday – Friday 7 am – 3 pm. Major appliances can be disposed of by appointment only. Call 653-4070 (between 7 am – 3 pm) or 653-4050 (between 8 am and 4:30 pm) to make an appointment and purchase a sticker (\$15).

Town of Brighton, P.O. Box 249, Kansasville, 878-2218

Residents may use the recycling site to dispose of non-burnable waste. The site is located in the parking lot of the town hall. It is open on Saturdays only from 8 am to 1 pm. A dump tag is required and can be obtained from the town clerk. Waste oil, batteries, appliances, furniture, tires, and construction waste are not permitted at this site. Please call Pheasant Run Recycling for more information at 857-7956. Outdoor burning of food and animal waste products, oily substances, asphalt, rubber and plastics (including tires, styrofoam containers and milk jugs) is prohibited. The Town of Brighton DOES NOT ban other outdoor burning. For burning other than in a container, a permit is required. Please contact one of the board members to obtain permit. Yard Waste items are no longer accepted at the recycling site.

Town of Bristol, P.O. Box 187, Bristol, 857-2368

The drop-off site at 8108 195th Avenue, Bristol, accepts waste oil, antifreeze, tires and batteries. Household bulk day is the third Thursday of every month. Appliances and other items will be accepted.

Town of Paris, 16607 Burlington Road, Union Grove, 859-2797

Residents are asked to take all car/truck batteries, waste oil, antifreeze and appliances to Pheasant Run. There will be a fee for some items.

Town of Randall, P.O. Box 116, Bassett, 877-2165

Waste oil, antifreeze and batteries can all be set out for pick up, as well as 1 tire (off the rim) a week (there is a limit of 8 tires per year). Call Veolia Environmental Services 800-248-2373 to arrange the pick up of large appliances or other large items. Fees may apply.

Town of Salem, P.O. Box 443, Salem, 843-2313

Waste oil, antifreeze and batteries can all be set out for pick up, as well as up to 2 tires a week (there is a limit of 8 tires per year). Large appliances must be called in for pickup. Simply call Green Valley's Customer Service Department at 1-800-583-2510.

Town of Somers, 7260 38th Street, Kenosha, 859-2822

Contact Waste Management at 1-800-640-5571 regarding the disposal of any large item. Waste oil and anti-freeze may be disposed of at the Town of Bristol, 8108 195th Avenue, Bristol.

Town of Wheatland, P.O. Box 915, New Munster, 537-4340

Town operates a pick-up station at 6331 341st Ave., New Munster. Residents may take car/truck batteries, waste oil, antifreeze and appliances to Pheasant Run. There will be a fee for some items.

Village of Paddock Lake, 6969 236th Avenue, Salem, 843-2713

Large items like furniture and appliances will be collected weekly at no charge. Call John's Disposal at 888-473-4701 for questions.

Village of Pleasant Prairie, 9915 39th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie, 694-1400

Waste oil, antifreeze, and batteries can be dropped off at the Compost Site located at 8600 Green Bay Road. Call the Sanitation Department at 925-6700 for dates that the site is open. There are special collections for large appliances. Call the Sanitation Department to arrange this service.

Village of Silver Lake, 113 South First Street, Silver Lake, 889-4308

Waste oil, antifreeze and batteries can all be set out for pick up, as well as up to 2 tires a week (there is a limit of 8 tires per year). Call Veolia Environmental Services 1-800-248-2373 to arrange the pick up of large appliances or other large items. Fees may apply.

Village of Twin Lakes, 108 East Main Street, Twin Lakes, 877-2858

Waste oil (limit of two one-gallon containers per week) and batteries can all be set out for pick up, as well as up to 2 car tires a week (there is a limit of 8 car tires per year). Call Veolia Environmental Services 1-800-248-2373 to arrange the pick up of large appliances or other large items. Fees may apply.



RACINE COUNTY MUNICIPALITY CONTACT INFORMATION

City of Burlington, 300 N Pine Street, Burlington, 342-1161

Disposal site for yard waste and motor oil is on Maryland Avenue near the Hintz Sports Complex. Call Public Works at 763-2060 for more information. Large appliances can be put out on the curb on Thursdays. Tires can be disposed of (without the rim); however, only one tire per week is allowed (for free). The following require advanced notification: asbestos, construction/demolition waste, hazardous waste, medical waste, paints and thinners and tires without rims. Please call 262-679-0860.

Town of Burlington, 32288 Bushnell Road, Burlington, 763-3070

The following items can be placed at the roadside/curb for pickup: televisions, furniture, carpet, tables, small auto parts and construction material (1 yard total per year), oil (maximum of 2 gallons per week in 1-gallon containers), and large batteries (one per week). Appliances should be set out on the regular collection day. They will be removed the following day at no charge. Call ASDA Enterprises regarding tires and yard waste at 262-539-2086.

Town of Burlington Landfill, 6120 English Settlement Road (Highway J) Brush, compost (grass and leaves), concrete (clean only), rocks, and scrap metal (no wood or cement attached), are the only items accepted at the landfill. The landfill will take tires for a fee. A town sticker is needed to enter the dump and can be picked up free of charge at the landfill. Landfill hours: 2nd and 4th Saturdays of the month, April through August, 9 am – 3 pm; September through November, 9 am – 1 pm. Only open the 2nd Saturday of the month, December through March, 9 am – 12 pm.

Village of Caledonia, 6922 Nicholson Road, Caledonia, 835-4451

Yard waste can be taken to the Yard Waste Drop-off Site located behind the Safety Building at 6900 Nicholson Road. Hours of operation are Wednesday, 1:30 pm – 7 pm, Saturday, 10 am – 4 pm and Sunday, 11 am – 5 pm. Waste oil can be disposed of at the Waste Oil Drop-off Site, also located behind the Safety Building.

To enter, you need to pick up a key at the Police Dispatch window in the Safety Building. Proof of residency is required. Large appliances require special arrangements. Call any of the following contractors for disposal (fees may apply): A-1 Appliances, 636-9002, Appliances Pickup, 930-0271, West Appliances, 634-6919 or CSG Services at 414-764-6677.

Town of Dover, *4110 S. Beaumont Avenue, Kansasville, 878-2200*

Clean up days are held in April, June, August and October on the 3rd Saturday. On these days, tires, batteries, empty paint cans, used oil, large appliances, building materials, Styrofoam, and computer parts can be brought and are recycled by contracted vendors. A trash permit is required.

Village of Elmwood Park, *3131 Taylor Avenue, Bldg 4, Racine, 554-7818*

Residents can dispose of waste oil and filters along with up to 6 gallons of antifreeze at the City of Racine Public Works Equipment Maintenance Garage at 830 S. Marquette Street, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am – 3 pm.

Village of Mt Pleasant, *6126 Durand Avenue, Racine, 554-8750*

There is a waste oil and waste antifreeze depository located at the rear of the Village Hall along the service drive. Large appliances will be picked up by Veolia for a fee by calling 1-800-232-0860. Residents are encouraged to compost, or take their bagged grass clippings and leaves to the Compost Site located on West Road north of STH 20. Hours are Wednesday 12 pm – 4 pm and Saturday 9 am – 4 pm, beginning in mid-April until mid-November, weather permitting.

Village of North Bay, *3615 Hennepin Place, Racine, 632-6335*

The Village of North Bay offers occasional hazardous waste collections. Call the Village for information on dates/locations.

Town of Norway, 6419 Heg Park Road, Wind Lake, 895-6335

The waste oil recycling area is located at the Town Garage at corner of East Wind Lake and Apple Roads. There is also a recycle bin for oil filters. There is a special pick up for large appliances and a charge of \$15 if it has Freon.

City of Racine, 730 Washington Avenue, Racine, 636-9103

Waste oil and filters along with up to 6 gallons of antifreeze can be disposed of at the Public Works Equipment Maintenance Garage at 830 S. Marquette Street, Monday through Friday 7:30 am – 3 pm. Up to 8 tires off the rim and 2 cubic yards of brush can be brought to the Pearl Street Facility located at 9th and Pearl Streets Monday, Friday and Saturdays 9 am – 4:45 pm April – November (call the city for exact dates).

The following items can also be brought to the facility but required a paid ticket: grass clippings (\$4 per visit), microwaves (\$10 each), white goods that do not contain Freon (\$5 each), white goods with Freon (\$20 each), bulk waste, including furniture, carpets, mattresses, windows, screens, doors and construction debris (\$30 per visit) and concrete (\$30 per visit). Tickets can be purchased at the Department of Public Works offices at 730 Washington Avenue, Room 303 or at 800 S. Marquette Street.

Town of Raymond, 2255 76th Street, Franksville, 835-4426

Household hazardous waste can be dropped off at no charge at Jensen Environmental Management at W14456347 College Court in Muskego on Saturdays from 8 am – 12 pm. Tires and construction materials can be dropped off at the Metro Land fill located one block east of Hwy 45 on 8 Mile Road Wednesdays 8 am – 4:30 pm and Saturdays 7 am – 12 pm. The following items can be brought to the Raymond Recycling Centers located on 43rd Street between 7 and 8 Mile Roads on Wednesdays 2 pm – 6 pm and Saturdays 8 am – 2 pm: motor oil, and antifreeze (no more than 5 gallons accepted at a time), oil filters, tires (fee will be charged), fluorescent light bulbs, and appliances (may be a fee).

Village of Rochester, P.O. Box 352, Rochester, 534-2431

Tires may be left out with garbage for pick-up (maximum of 2 tires per week without rims). Large appliances will be picked up for a fee. Call Onyx Waste customer service line at (262) 679-0860 to schedule a pick-up.

Village of Sturtevant, 2801 89th Street, Sturtevant, 886-7201

Yard waste can be dropped off at the Compost Recycling Site located at the end of 87th Street, north of Durand Avenue on Saturdays from April through November from 10 am – 2 pm. The site accepts grass, leaves, brush, branches, and tree stumps. Plus yard waste will be accepted from 11:45 am – 7:15 pm June through September. To arrange to recycle white goods, contact Veolia at 262-679-0860. Pickup will be on the 3rd Monday of the month. The Village of Sturtevant collaborates with the City of Racine to offer Household Hazardous waste collections to residents. Contact the Village for 2008 dates.

Village of Union Grove, 925 15th Avenue, Union Grove, 878-1818

Waste oil drop off site is located at 1015 State Street. Yard waste will be picked up on the last Friday of each month from March to October. The village will pick up large items the last Friday of the month (up to 4 tires without rims); however, they will not accept: freezers, air conditioner, refrigerators, televisions, dehumidifiers, washers, dryers, or stoves.

Town of Waterford, 415 N Milwaukee, Waterford, 534-2350

The following items will be accepted at the Drop-off Site at 801 Ela Avenue (in the Industrial Park off of South Jefferson Street): scrap metal, yard waste, waste oil, large appliances, furniture, mattresses/box springs, microwaves and computers. Site is open 1st Saturday of the month from January – March and every Saturday April through December from 8 am – noon.

Village of Waterford, 123 N River Street, Waterford, 534-3980

The following items will be accepted at the Drop-off Site at 801 Ela Avenue (in the Industrial Park off of South Jefferson Street): scrap metal, yard waste, waste oil, large appliances, furniture, mattresses/box springs, microwaves and computers. Site is open 1st Saturday of the month from January – March and every Wednesday and Saturday April through December from 8 am – noon. A permit is required.

Village of Wind Point, 215 E Four Mile Road, Racine, 639-3524

Tires and large appliances can be picked up for a fee. Call Superior Waste Service 1-800-232-0860 to arrange the pick-up.

Town of Yorkville, 720 Main Street, Union Grove, 878-2123

There is a collection site for waste oil, antifreeze, batteries and tires at 19040 Spring Street. Racine County has a used oil collection site for Yorkville residents' use.

COMPOSTING

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, in 2007, yard trimmings and food scraps constituted about 25% of the trash generated by Americans—a combined total of over 64,000,000 tons. About 8% of the garbage a person generates daily could be composted; over a year, this comes to about 140 pounds of trash.

Composting certain yard and food waste at home can have numerous benefits, such as:

- *Saves you money:* no need to buy yardwaste bags and reduces the need for soil additives like fertilizers and pesticides
- *Saves your community money:* reduced collection costs
- *Boosts your garden power:* adding compost to soil helps it to retain moisture and nutrients, and can help remediate contaminated soils

- *Helps the environment:* reusing organic waste saves landfill space

Compost is an organic soil-like material that is made by combining three main ingredients: browns (dead leaves, twigs, branches, etc.), greens (vegetable and fruit scraps, grass clippings, coffee grounds, etc.), and water. Some examples of materials to consider:

What to Compost	What Not to Compost
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yard materials • Vegetable and fruit scraps • Coffee grounds and filters • Tea bags • Nut shells • Eggshells • Clean, unwaxed paper (e.g., newspaper and cardboard) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meat or fish scraps, bones and packaging • Dairy products (milk, cheese, egg yolks, etc.) • Fats and oils, or foods containing fats and oils • Pet waste • Diseased or insect-ridden plants • Highly invasive plants

Home composting can be done in a heap or a compost bin; the WDNR recommends utilizing a bin for better management, and provides instructions for how to construct a variety of simple bins out of cheap materials. Compost piles need to be turned periodically to ensure an adequate oxygen supply.

When compost is dark and crumbles easily, it is ready to harvest. Most common uses include mixing it into soil or using it as a mulch.

For detailed instructions on composting, please visit:

- Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources website: (<http://wi.dnr.gov>), and type “compost” in the search box, or
- UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center website: (<http://www4.uwm.edu/shwec>), and type “compost” in the search box.

Want to compost, but don't have a yard?



Vermicomposting, also known as worm bin composting, is a simple and effective way to compost food scraps indoors all year round. (Note that the rules of what to compost and what not to compost still apply.)

Worm bins can be constructed with wooden boxes or plastic tubs with lids, and require only a drill, a stack of newspapers, a handful of soil or sand, and a pound of red wigglers to get started.

For detailed instructions on how to build and manage a vermicompost bin, please go to the Publications page of the UW-Extension Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center website: <http://www4.uwm.edu/shwec>, and type “worm” in the search box.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & RESOURCES

❖ Freecycle

<http://www.freecycle.org>

Freecycle is a grassroots movement of people who are giving (& getting) stuff for free in their own towns. It's about reuse and keeping good stuff out of landfills. Each local group is moderated by a local volunteer. Membership is free.

❖ Gazelle

<http://www.gazelle.com>

Gazelle is a “reCommerce” website that buys many types of used electronics (e.g., laptops, cellphones, iPods, etc) in an effort to keep reuseable and recyclable gadgets out of landfills. Users can search for the make and model of their gadget, answer questions about its condition, ship their used electronics to Gazelle for free, and receive a check in the mail. If the gadget is not reusable, the user may not receive any compensation, but Gazelle will ensure that it is recycled.

❖ **U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**

<http://www.epa.gov>

The EPA provides national and regional data on waste and waste management. It offers tips for individual and community action to address the issues of reducing/reusing/recycling, resource conservation, and hazardous waste management, including family-friendly educational resources.

❖ **Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)**

<http://dnr.wi.gov>

The WDNR provides information about State laws for solid waste management and recycling, including resources for residents, businesses, and local governments to reduce trash and increase recycling and reuse. It offers educational materials on the environment, and annual reports on recycling and landfills. The WDNR also administers a grant program to fund certain recycling efforts.

❖ **Solid & Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC)**

<http://www4.uwm.edu/shwec>

SHWEC's mission is: "to enhance Wisconsin's environment and economy by providing quality education, information and technical assistance to promote the sustainable use of natural resources." The Center provides educational programs and publications on the following topics: pollution prevention, industrial and community recycling, environmental management planning, solid waste source reduction, community environmental protection, green building, energy conservation, and renewable energy.

❖ **Wisconsin Be SMART Coalition**

<http://www.besmart.org>

The Wisconsin Be SMART (Save Money And Reduce Trash) Coalition is a nonprofit group of municipalities, state agencies, environmental organizations, businesses, and schools that works to promote the reduction of waste and the conservation of resources through a regional coordinated educational program.



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